

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The Pike county probe committee has adjourned for two weeks.

Peru, as a measure of economy, will dispense with ambassadors.

The Speer bill requiring all deeds to state the true consideration, was defeated in the Senate.

One good bill that ought to pass is Senate bill 323, to prevent divorced persons from remarrying within a year.

Sullins College, a Methodist school for girls, at Bristol, burned during the holidays, will probably not be rebuilt.

Geraldine Farrar who waited till she was 32, says "marriage is eating one kind of cake." Sweet cake, probably.

The American Harvester Co. is about to be roped in by the federal government in its investigation of the Yukon sisal trust.

Senator Overstreet's bill permitting third class cities to adopt the commission form of school government, has passed the senate.

David R. Francis, of St. Louis, tendered the position of Ambassador to Russia, will decide this week whether or not he will accept.

Speaker Duffy, of whom it was recently stated that he hadn't been to church in 25 years, is confined to his bed with a second attack of grip.

No presidential primary will be held in Georgia, as there is no opposition to Wilson. Delegates will be named at a State Convention May 3.

At Petersburg, Ind., they have sent a man to the penitentiary for 14 years for perjury because he swore while drunk that he hadn't had a drink. Maybe he used a funnel.

Ignatius T. T. Lincoln, self-confessed German spy, who escaped several weeks ago from a United States deputy marshal in Brooklyn, was arrested again Saturday night.

Congressman Ben Johnson has introduced a bill to put a government tax of \$1 a gallon on all gasoline sold above 15 cents, an additional dollar to be added for each additional penny added to the price.

The Supreme Court is soon to pass on the right of an Arkansas man to kill three coots that were migrating through the state. The question was raised that a migratory bird is not protected by state laws.

An American woman doctor who escaped drowning when the Ancona was torpedoed, has asked \$100,000 of Austria and \$20,000 of the United States. She ought at least to credit the claim by the cost of saving her and bringing her back to New York, probably \$150.

Representative Pumphrey on Friday introduced a resolution empowering the Governor to name a commission to investigate the extent to which feeble-mindedness prevails in Kentucky. The commission to begin work in Frankfort presumably before the general assembly adjourns and report in 1918.

The Courier-Journal had an entire section Sunday devoted to good roads, with a map on the front page purporting to give the leading highways. The Davis Highway is only shown as far as Fairview and the Dixie Bee Line Highway is not shown at all. And still worse, Hopkinsville is not on the so-called map of Kentucky.

Chas. C. Daniels, brother of the Secretary of the Navy, who was an attorney for the government at Minneapolis, in handling Indian land transfers, has been succeeded by F. J. Kearful and will quit the government service. He was offered an assistant's place. For some reason a more Kearful man was wanted at the head of the work.

GROWING SENTIMENT

For The Bond Issue Insures Its Success Next Month.

ALL ROADS TO BE BENEFITED

Good Roads Association Succinctly Elucidates The Plan Proposed.

The proposed bond issue to be voted upon Saturday, March 18, is a plan for improving and developing all the roads of Christian county. While it means that Christian county's part of the "Dixie Bee Line Highway" will become a reality and not a dream, it also means that every section of the county is to be benefited as well.

Briefly the plan proposed is this: Under the present Constitution of Kentucky, the State of Kentucky can lend its credit to any of the counties in the State for the purpose of enabling those counties to issue or float bonds to build roads. The limit of a county's bonded indebtedness is 5 per cent. of its total assessed value of taxable property. Christian county at present has an assessment for taxation, of all property, both real and personal and railroad franchises of a little more than \$15,000,000. The present bonded debt of the county is \$262,000.

Christian county at present, under the law, can issue practically \$500,000 worth of bonds. However, an issue of \$400,000 is contemplated.

Under the State aid law, passed by the Legislature in 1914, the State of Kentucky proposes to help each county in proportion to what each county does for itself in the matter of building roads. The law provides that if a county should issue bonds for the purpose of building roads under the inspection and supervision of the State Road Department, that the State of Kentucky will apply each year a pro rata part of the State road fund upon the interest and sinking fund necessary to retire these bonds.

Under this arrangement Christian county is in a position to receive each year if it issues bonds, approximately \$15,000 from the State Road Fund until the bond issue is retired.

The bond issue of \$400,000 means an interest charge of 5 per cent. or \$20,000 and an additional sum of \$10,000 annually for the purpose of creating a sinking fund. With the State help Christian county will be able to finance the whole issue of \$400,000 at an expense of only \$15,000 per year, which is less than the interest upon the entire amount. This \$15,000 is to be raised by a slight increase of 10 cents on each \$100 worth of property in Christian county, making the tax rate 60 cents instead of 50 cents as it now stands.

If Christian county does not avail herself of this opportunity to issue bonds it will absolutely lose the State help of \$15,000 a year which it might put into good highways, since the Road and Bridge Fund of \$35,000 is not sufficient to meet the needs of the dirt roads, and of the old turnpikes, which must be maintained and repaired. In addition to this loss of \$15,000 the county will also lose whatever it pays into the State Road Fund, which means at least \$6,500 per year, not to speak of the numerous automobile license taxes paid by citizens of this county.

The plan to vote these bonds is non-partisan and nonpolitical and is fostered by the Good Roads Association of the county.

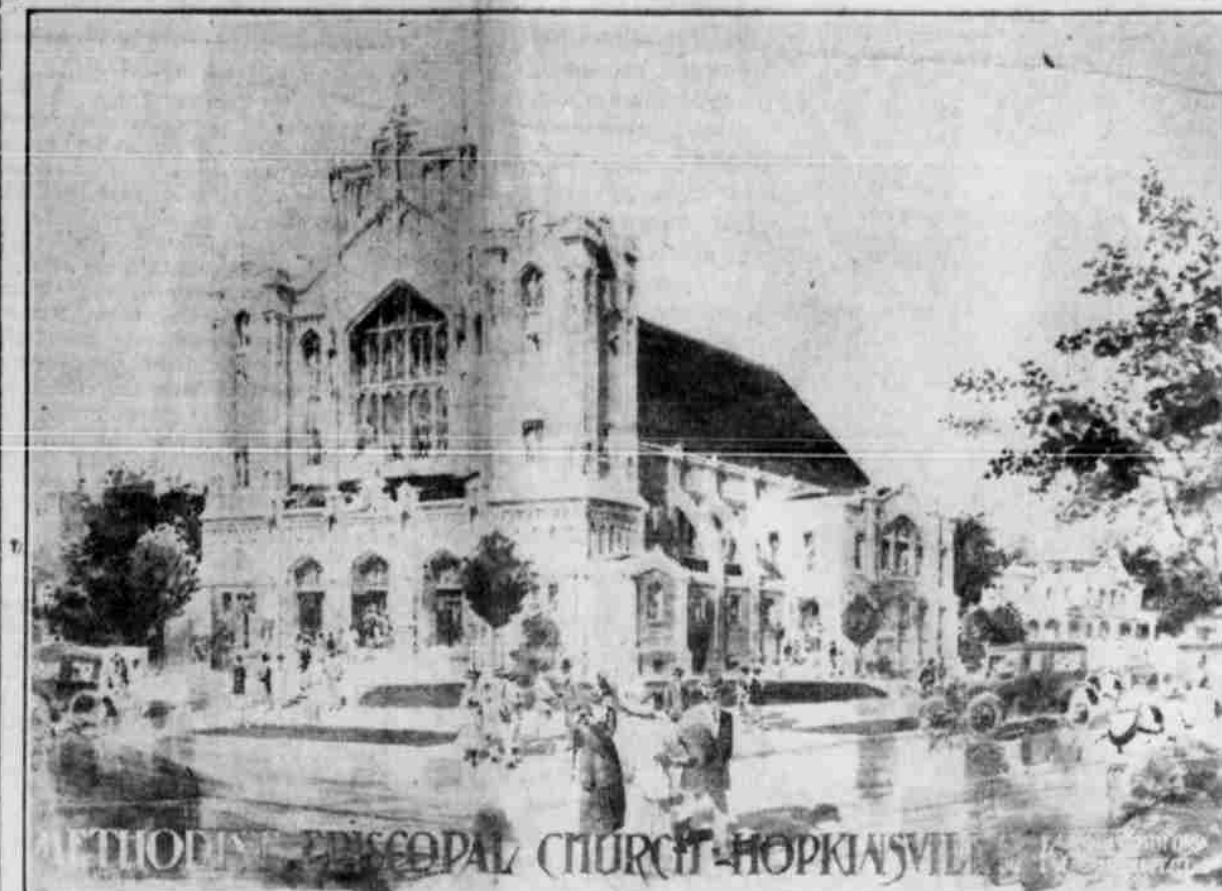
STORE BROKEN OPEN.

S. Bohn's store, Sixth street, was entered by burglars Friday night and about \$35 in cash was taken. Entrance to the building was effected by prizing the rear door. It was evident that the thieves wanted only money, as nothing else was missed from the store.

Giraffes can see behind them without turning their heads.

CORNERSTONE OF NEW EDIFICE LAID WITH IMPOSING CEREMONIES

PRELIMINARY SERVICES WERE HELD SUNDAY WITH DISTINGUISHED METHODIST PULPIT ORATORS ASSISTING AT THREE GREAT MEETINGS.



Three great meetings preliminary to the laying of the cornerstone of the new \$75,000 Methodist church were held here Sunday in the presence of large crowds. There were separate services, all of which were held at the Union Tabernacle, the auditorium of the present Methodist church being entirely inadequate.

The first of these services was a sermon at 11 o'clock by Bishop Atkins, of Waynesville, N. C. In the afternoon, Dr. T. N. Ivey, of Nashville, delivered an address and at night Dr. H. M. DuBose, of Nashville, spoke.

Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock the formal laying of the cornerstone took place. This was in reality the placing in the cornerstone of a metal box containing records of interest in connection with the building of the new church, a list of those who have contributed to the enterprise in money or service, etc., and the placing in its place in front of the space occupied by this box, a stone tablet. The construction is already well advanced, the window and door frames being in place and the stone work being well past the first floor.

The church will stand as a monument to the ability, energy and resourcefulness of the present pastor, Dr. Lewis Powell.

The services began with the song "How Firm a Foundation." The speakers and a large part of the crowd present were upon the temporary floors above the basement, but as many or more were gathered about the church on the ground.

Bishop Jas. Atkins was the first speaker and briefly congratulated the congregation on its magnificent future house of worship. He was followed by Dr. DuBose, who gave a brief sketch of the Methodism in America from the first conference in 1782 to the present time.

Dr. Lewis Powell then took charge and proceeding to the northeast corner of the building placed in a niche

a brass box containing a number of articles and then sealed the opening with a stone 2 1/2 feet square and nine inches thick, containing the name of the church and the date of erection. The following articles were placed in the box.

Revised edition of the Bible. Church Discipline of 1914. Blue Back Spelling Book. Names of all contributors to building fund.

Memphis Commercial Appeal with an account of the exercises. Christian Advocate. Central Methodist. Missionary Voice. Minutes of Louisville Conference 1915.

Sunday School Magazine. Epworth League Paper. Hopkinsville Kentuckian Feb. 19, 1916.

Kentucky New Era Feb. 19, 1916. Methodist Review. Senior Quarterly. Junior Quarterly. Adult Student. Woman's Missionary Report and Officers.

Board of Stewards. Account of Sunday's exercises. Names of 33 members of the church from 75 to 83 years old.

Officers Epworth League. Copy Hopkinsville Independent of Feb. 4, 1892, with an account of the last improvement on the old church. Post card with picture of new church.

A photographer was present and took a picture of the laying of the corner stone.

The day was bright and balmy and the exercises were concluded at noon with a prayer by Bishop Atkins.

Following are the present officers of the church:

Pastor—Rev. Lewis Powell, D. D. Recording Steward—Mayor Frank K. Yost.

Sunday School Superintendents—J. H. Cate, Dr. F. M. Stites, Fred T.

Harned.

TRUSTEES.

Ira L. Smith, E. L. Foulks, C. W. Ducker, F. K. Yost, Dr. E. N. Fruit.

CHURCH LAY LEADER.

Fred T. Harned.

STEWARDS.

J. W. Adams, Guy Burnett, M. E. Bacon, J. A. Browning, Jr., J. H. Cate, A. H. Clark, R. E. Cooper, W. D. Cooper, W. R. Dorris, W. T. Dority, C. W. Ducker, L. L. Elgin, Dr. E. N. Fruit, F. T. Harned, Dr. J. W. Harned, W. S. Harned, Emmett Haydon, Jno. C. Lawson, J. M. Neblett, S. A. Pate, Geo. E. Randle, J. J. Robertson, Frank Rives, Dr. F. M. Stites, Ira L. Smith, J. T. Thomas, J. W. Tunks, W. R. Wheeler, F. K. Yost, George Yost.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

R. E. Cooper, Ira L. Smith, Frank Rives, Frank K. Yost, Geo. E. Randle, J. T. Thomas, J. H. Cate, Fred T. Harned, J. W. Adams, Dr. Lewis Powell, ex officio.

DIED OF POISON.

A postmortem shows that Miss Marion Lambert, the Lake Forest High School girl, died of cyanide of potassium poisoning. Will H. Orpet is charged with the girl's murder.

Trained Teachers.

After establishing a department of Sunday-school administration, which will provide training of leaders, and leaving open the 1917 meeting place, the international Sunday-school Executive Committee adjourned its six-days session in Louisville.

MORE BOMBS ON ENGLAND.

London, Feb. 21.—Four German seaplanes yesterday made a raid over the east and southeast coasts of England, according to an official announcement made this evening. Seventeen bombs fell. One close to a church, blowing in the windows as the congregation was singing "Te Deum." A third bomb fell on a roadway running along the beach, killing one civilian and injuring one marine. The total casualties were two men and one boy killed and one marine wounded.

The water spider makes use of an apparatus similar to the diving bell.

SECOND TIME.

A joint resolution proposing to submit to the people the question of enfranchising women in the state of Virginia, was defeated in the house of delegates, 52 to 40. Two years ago a similar resolution received only 13 favorable votes and the big increase in the vote greatly pleased suffrage leaders.

Walker-Barnes.

A marriage license was issued Saturday to E. Lee Walker and Miss Leora Barnes, both of this county.

RUSSIANS HUNT FLEEING TURKS

Warships in the Black Sea Aid in Harassing the Retreating Troops.

BRITISH LOSE TRENCHES

Germans Take and Hold Position Over Front of 350 Meters North of Ypres.

London, Feb. 21.—The Russian army which captured Erzerum, in Armenia, is endeavoring to cut off the retreat of the Turks, who are retreating with as much speed as possible. Dispatches from Petrograd report the capture of the towns of Mush and Achlat, to the south, heavy fighting preceding their taking by storm. The next objective of the southern wing of the Russian army is Diarbekir, which lies within striking distance of the Bagdad railway. This line would open up the road for Russians into Syria.

Along the Black sea coast, Russian warships are pounding at the Turkish batteries and harassing the retreating troops. The northern wing of the Russian army has captured the town of Widje and is driving the Turks back in the direction of Gumish Khaneh, which is on the road to Trebizond, while large Russian forces are moving westward from Erzerum with the object of cutting off these Turkish troops before they can reach a new line of defense.

GERMANS TAKE POSITION.

The Germans have been operating vigorously against the British and French along the Yser canal in Belgium to the north of Ypres. From the British 350 meters of a position were captured and held, despite hand grenade attacks to recapture it. After a heavy bombardment, the Germans attempted to cross the canal and occupy French positions and several groups of them did succeed in making their way to a first line trench. The French however, drove them back.

The British to the south of Loos, in a lively engagement succeeded in making an advance to the edge of a mine crater held by the Germans.

The French in Champagne between the Meuse and Moselle rivers and to the west of the forest of Apremont have bombarded successfully German positions while in the Argonne forest a mine exploded by the French shattered the German works.

Only isolated engagements have taken place on the Russian front. On the Austro-Italian line the artillery duels continue.

NEGRO GIRL'S WOUNDS FATAL

Belle Cooper Dies of Stabs Inflicted Several Weeks Ago.

Belle Cooper, a colored girl, 20 years of age, who was stabbed by her lover, Richard Bronaugh, several weeks ago, died Sunday night and Bronaugh is now held on a charge of murder. He was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Herbert Johnson not long ago. The affair took place at Bronaugh's mother's, Delia Bronaugh. In a jealous quarrel, Bronaugh drew a knife and slashed the girl's legs to the bone. She developed blood poison and became hopelessly ill. Before she died she made a statement to County Attorney Smith.

ANOTHER PLANT BLOWN UP.

The Split Rock Plant of the Somet-Salvo Co., at Syracuse, manufacturing picric acid used by munitions factories, was blown up Friday night in spite of heavy guards. Four were killed and 12 injured.

Annual value of the British herring fishery is from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000.